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1. SUMMARY: GOB DENIES ANY BRAZILIAN/USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON SUGAR SALE OR ANY SUCH EXPORT TRANSACTION.

2. FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED FROM BRAZILIAN SUGAR INSTITUTE (IAA):
SO FAR BRAZIL NOT APPROACHED BY USSR ON PURCHASE SUGAR. HOWEVER
IAA LEARNED ABOUT USSR INTEREST FROM IAA REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK.

3. IAA OFFICIALS STATED BRAZIL WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE EARLY
DECISION ON SALE OF ALL OR PART OF REQUESTED 500,000 TONS TO USSR
DURING CY 1975. REASON: EXPORT DIRECTOR ALBERICO TEXEIRA LEITE
PRESENTLY HEADING NEGOTIATIONS TEAM TO PRC AND TO OTHER UNSPECIFIED
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COUNTRIES. BRAZILIAN SUGAR SALES TO CHINA MIGHT CONCERN 300,000

MT OR MORE.

4. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS: FROM DISCUSSION IMPRESSION GIVEN
BRAZIL MAY TRY TO TIE FUTURE EXPORTS OF SUGAR TO (A) IMPORT OF
OIL (B) COMBINATION EXPORTS OF BRAZILIAN (SURPLUS) COFFEE.

5. OFFICIAL ALGERIAN DELEGATION JUST NEGOTIATED IN BRAZIL PURCHASE
OF 280,000 BAGS OF COFFEE FOR JANUARY 1975 SHIPMENT PLUS PURCHASE
OF 100,000 TONS OF SUGAR FOR 1975 SHIPMENT. QUANTITY OF OIL TO
BE IMPORTED FROM ALGERIA NOT MADE PUBLIC.

6. PRESIDENT OF BRAZILIAN COFFEE INSTITUTE CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW
STATED USSR HAD AGREED TO PURCHASE 500,000 BAGS OF COFFEE DURING
CY 1975. HOWEVER NO FURTHER NEWS ON SALE OF BRAZILIAN SUGAR TO
USSR.

7. IN PERIOD JANUARY/OCTOBER 1974 BRAZILL EXPORTED 1,795,000 TONS
OF SUGAR AT VALUE OF 829,986,000 DOLLARS AGAINST 2,292,000
TONS AT VALUE 457,330,000 DOLLARS OVER SAME PERIOD 1973.
AVERAGE PRICE 1974 PERIOD WAS 500 DOLLARS AGAINST 200 JANUARY/
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